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I am writing as a customer of Dominion Energy to express my opposition regarding yet another rate increase request being made by Dominion. This latest request is above and beyond -- over 3 times -- what was approved last year.

From a February 11, 2022 article: "Dominion Energy (NYSE: D) today announced an unaudited net income determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (reported earnings) for the three months ended Dec. 31, 2021, of \$1.3 billion (\$1.63 per share) compared with a net gain of \$682 million (\$0.82 per share) for the same period in 2020. **Reported earnings were a net gain, for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 2021, of \$3.3 billion (\$3.98 per share) compared with a net loss of \$401 million (\$0.57 per share) for the same period in 2020.**"

It seems if given an inch, Dominion wants to ask for a mile. At the time last year's rate increase was approved, it was agreed that another rate increase would not be sought for 2 years, barring unforeseen circumstances. What unforeseen circumstance warrants the request that is being made at this time? Certainly not a loss of income. It would appear the rate increase approved last year resolved Dominion's income problem, per the above cited article.

In a time with such high inflation, pandemic pressures, and electrical rates that already cause a monthly utility bill to equate to as much as a house payment, this rate increase would be an outrageous burden on a community that is already suffering. Paychecks are spread paper thin and wages are not increasing to make up for the gap this request, if approved, would only serve to widen.

I cannot raise my A/C any more or lower my heat any farther. I am paying for the luxury of lighting a single room in my home at a time when my shades are already drawn to keep the cool/heat in. Dominion boasted that they would bring consumers rebates, and savings galore when they took over; where is that change? Please represent the hard working people of this state and protect us from being taken advantage of by a company that is already doing well. Do not approve another rate increase for Dominion.

Katherine Stewart